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STATE FOR ECA/PE/V/P-ISABELLE ZSOLDOSA/AZZA MOUNIB ZAKI
INFO: ECA/PE/V/G/N-ALICE SHIFFLETT; SA/PD

E.O. 12958: N/A

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SUBJECT: FY-2004 MRP "ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT AND
BUSINESS" SEPTEMBER 2-23, 2004: SRI LANKAN NOMINATION
PROJECT NUMBER: E/VP-2004-0040

REF: (A) STATE 103436, (B) COLOMBO 0676

1. POST NOMINATES MR. SAJITH PREMADASA, DEPUTY MINISTER
OF HEALTH, NUTRITION AND WELFARE FOR PARTICIPATION IN
SUBJECT PROJECT. POST CONFIRMS THAT THIS NOMINATION
HAS "FULL COUNTRY TEAM APPROVAL."

2. NOMINATION IS AS FOLLOWS:
START FIXED-FORMAT TEXT (PLEASE DO NOT EDIT):
: THE FOLLOWING DATA IS IN A FIXED FORMAT WHICH ENABLES
: AUTOMATED PROCESSING IN WASHINGTON AND SHOULD NOT BE
: EDITED EXCEPT BY MEANS OF THE POST-EVDB SOFTWARE.
EXPORT-SOURCE: POST-EVDB
VERSION: 3.0.7
POST-EMAIL: RSCMB@PD.STATE.GOV
TRANSMITTING-POST: PAS COLOMBO
TRANSMITTING-POST-ID: 2929
EXPORT-TYPE: BIO DATA
START NOMINATION:
ECA-OFFICE: E/VGN
PROG-AGENCY-NAME:
POST-PROJ-ID: 100
ECA-PROJ-NO: E/VP-2004-0040
PROJ-NAME: ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS -
SEPTEMBER 2-23, 2004
START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:
PROJ-TYPE: MULTI-REGIONAL
PROG-TYPE: IV GRANT VISITOR
FY: 2004
DEPART-POST: 08/31/2004
SESSION-DATE: 09/02/2004
RETURN-POST: 09/26/2004
NO-OF-PART: 1
RANK-ORDER: 16
START MEMO POST-OBJ:
THIS PROJECT IS IN SUPPORT OF MPP GOAL "ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY."
END MEMO POST-OBJ:
START MEMO POST-RCMD:

END MEMO POST-RCMD:
ECA-OFFICE-ID: 1039
PROG-AGENCY-ID:
PROJ-TYPE-ID: MRP
PROG-TYPE-ID: 29
NOMINATING-POST-ID: 2929
FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:
STATUS: N
ORIGINATOR: P
SUBJ-DISC: ANTI-CORRUPTION
START BIO:
PREFIX: MR.
F-NAME: SAJITH
M-NAME:
L-NAME: PREMADASA
SUFFIX:
POSITION-CODE: 114
PRINCIPAL?: YES
M-ADDR1: MINISTRY OF HEALTH
M-ADDR2: SUWASIRIPAYA
M-ADDR3: 385 DEANS ROAD
M-CITY: COLOMBO 10
M-STATE:
M-CNTRY: SRI LANKA
M-ZONE:
M-ZIP:
M-PHONE: (94-1) 691-525
M-FAX:
M-EMAIL:
M-CNTRY-ID: CE
M-ADDRTYPE: B
GENDER: M
DOB: 01/12/1967
MAR-STAT: M
BIRTH-CITY: COLOMBO
BIRTH-CNTRY: SRI LANKA
CITIZ-CNTRY: SRI LANKA

RES-CNTRY: SRI LANKA
START MEMO POSITION:
DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH, NUTRITION AND WELFARE, 2001-
TO DATE
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
2000-2001 - MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
1995-2000 - ENGAGED IN GRASS ROOT POLITICAL WORK IN
HAMBANTOTA
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
1992-93 - FOR STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
COLLEGE PARK
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
B.SC. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, LONDON SCHOOL OF
ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, 1991
END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
NOMINEE DOES NOT CONSUME BEEF OR PORK. NONE SMOKER
END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
FIRST-LANG: SINHALA
ENGL-READ: 4
ENGL-SPEAK: 4
ENGL-COMP: 4
START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
THIS PROJECT IS IN SUPPORT OF MPP GOAL "ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY."
END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

END MEMO VIS-OBJ:
START MEMO VIS-REC:

END MEMO VIS-REC:
NOMINATING-OFFICER: WILL AVERY
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
SAJITH PREMADASA (36), SON OF LATE PRESIDENT R.
PREMADASA, IS A POPULAR POLITICIAN REPRESENTING THE
DEEP SOUTH. A GRADUATE OF LSE, HE IS ONE OF THE MOST
PROMISING YOUNG POLITICIANS IN THE COUNTRY. HE HAS
BEEN ALREADY RECOGNIZED WITH THE SUB CABINET POSITION
OF DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH AND NUTRITION. SAJITH
PREMADASA IS VERY AMBITIOUS AND DETERMINED. HE HAS
OPTED TO CONTINUE HIS FATHER'S VISION OF HELPING THE
POOR. HOWEVER, HE MOVED AWAY FROM HIS FATHER'S
CONSTITUENCY IN COLOMBO TO BACKWARD HAMBANTOTA DISTRICT
IN 1995 AND HAS DONE SUBSTANTIAL WORK TO HELP THE POOR
IN THE AREA. AMONG HIS PROJECTS ARE 5 NGOS TO HELP
FARMERS, YOUTH, WOMEN AND CHILDREN. THROUGH HIS WORK,
SAJITH HAS BEEN ABLE TO BREAK